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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner		Art Unit	
	Trung Dang		2823	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 21-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 21-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicants elected the Group I invention, cancelled claims 7-20, and added new claims 21-27 in a reply filed 9/14/04 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-4, 6, 21, 25, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Eichelberger (US 6,159,767).

With reference to Figs. 5a-5h, the prior art teaches the claimed invention in that it discloses a method comprising:

adhering the active face of a singulated semiconductor die 102 to a sacrificial carrier 120 (Fig. 5b);

encapsulating a backside of the singulated semiconductor die, and thereby forming a substantially rigid assembly structure (col. 10, lines 13-25);

separating the assembly structure from the sacrificial carrier to expose the

active face of the singulated semiconductor die (Fig. 5d and col. 10, lines 55-58);

layering an insulating material 106 over the active face of the singulated semiconductor die (Fig. 5e); and

layering a conductive material over the insulating material, wherein a portion of the conductive material contacts at least one die bond pad 107 (Fig. 5f).

For claims 4 and 26, see Figs. 5g and 10 in which solder bumps 154 and 510 are considered as package terminals because the electrical connections of the chip to an external structure such as PCB are made via these bumps.

For claims 6 and 26, see col. 11, line 15 for the metal trace is of copper.

For claims 21, 25 and 26, the curing of encapsulant 104 is known to harden the encapsulant.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 5 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eichelberger as above in view of Clark et al. (US 6,409,316).

Eichelberger teaches a method as described above. Eichelberger differs from the claims in that while Eichelberger teaches a photo-patternable material is used for the interlayer dielectric 106, the claims call for the use of polyimide, benzocyclobutene (BCB), or polybenzoxazole (PBO) for the interlayer dielectric layer. Clark teaches a photopatternable polymer includes polyimide, BCB, and PBO are used as interlayer dielectric for electrical interconnection (col. 11, lines 1-12). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ the photopatternable materials taught by Clark for the photopatternable layer 106 because such materials are widely used as interlayer dielectric, and the employment of a known material for the same purpose would have been within the level of one skilled in the art.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Each of claims 22 to 24 depends on cancelled claim 20.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trung Dang whose telephone number is 571-272-1857. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Friday 9:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Olik Chaudhuri can be reached on 571-272-1855. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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